

REMARKS

Claims 1-56 are pending. The specification has been amended to correct obvious errors in the English translation of the international application PCT/EP2004/000099. No new matter has been added and the amendments do not exceed the scope of the international application as filed.

Please note the following minor discrepancies between the English translation and the international application as filed in German. In the English translation of the claims as amended under Article 34, portions of claims 22 and 35 are not underlined and the word "bixin" in claim 38 is not in italics as it is on pages 3-5 and 7 of the claims as amended under Article 34. Applicants do not believe an amendment is required to correct these minor discrepancies as Applicants would submit an amendment to reflect the English translation as previously submitted. However, if the Examiner believes it necessary, Applicants will submit two amendments, one to correct the English translation to mirror the international application as filed, then a second amendment to correct the obvious errors.

This Second Preliminary Amendment is being submitted before the first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13311-00009-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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